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1. DURING RECENT FAREWELL CALL INDONESIA CITIES SERVICE (CITCO) AREA PRODUCTION SUPERINTENDENT LEE M. TALBERT INDICATED THAT THE "POLENG" FIELD NORTH OF MADURA CONTINUES TO PRODUCE ABOUT 2000 BBLS/DAY OF LOW SULPHUR OIL WHICH IS SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO ANACORTAS, WASH., FOR SHELL.

2. CITCO HAS BUDGETED THE DRILLING OF FOUR NEW WELLS IN 1978 BEGINNING IN APRIL. ONE WILL BE LOCATED JUST OFF THE MADURA COAST SOUTH OF THE POLENG FIELD AND TWO OFF THE KANGEAN ISLANDS ABOUT 125 MILES EAST OF MADURA. THE LOCATION OF THE FOURTH WELL BE DETERMINED BY THE

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RESULTS OF THE FIRST THREE.

3. CITCO HAD CONTRACTED FOR A GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY THIS FALL NORTH EAST OF THE KANGEAN ISLANDS BUT THIS SURVEY WAS ABANDONED AFTER A SUCCESSION OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AND BUREAUCRATIC DIFFICULTIES WITH THE GOI. A NEW EFFORT IS TO BE MADE SHORTLY TO

COMPLETE THE SURVEY WITH ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT
NOW BEING SHIPPED TO THE SITE, FROM THE CITCO/ASHLAND
SUPPLY BASE AT MASALEMBO ISLAND.

4. IF THERE ARE NO NEW FINDS, CITCO WILL PROBABLY CLOSE DOWN ITS OWN OPERATIONS IN THE POLENG FIELD WITH PERTAMINA ASSUMING RESIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY. AT PRESENT, CITCO IS FLAMING OFF GAS AT THE POLENG WELLS THAT IS OF GREATER VALUE THAN THE PETROLEUM BEING PRODUCED. SHOULD ADDITIONAL GAS BE DISCOVERED AT THE NEW OFF SHORE MADURA SITE, IT MAY JUSTIFY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GAS PIPELINE TO CONNECT BOTH FIELDS TO THE PETROCHEMIE PLANT IN GRESIC (ABOUT 20 M NORTH OF SURABAYA), WHICH, ACCORDING TO ITS DIRECTOR, RAHMAN SUBANDHI, IS ANXIOUS TO UTILIZE THE GAS AS A RAW MATERIAL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS.

5. FOLLOWING TALBERT'S DEPARTURE NEXT MONTH, CITCO'S EAST JAVA OPERATIONS, AS LONG AS THEY CONTINUE, WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A DRILLING AND PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR BASED IN JAKARTA. UNLESS THIS FINAL EXPLORATION PROVES FRUITFUL, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT CITCO'S LENGTHY BUT DISAPPOINTING EFFORTS IN EAST JAVA WILL SOON BE CONCLUDED.

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